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(C) Econ/Pol Counselor and PolChief delivered reftel demarche to MFA Middle East Director Friedrich Stift on Oct. 14. Stift welcomed the U.S. message, saying that his understanding was that the EU and U.S. positions on handling the report -- to refer substantive discussion to Geneva in March after allowing both the Israeli and Palestinian sides to act on the Report's conclusions -- were substantially identical. He agreed on the importance of close collaboration among "like-minded" missions in New York and Geneva and undertook to convey the U.S. points to the Austrian missions immediately. EACHO